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SUBJECT: SIHANOUK ON SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE SEEN AFP PEKING'S JULY 25
STORY ON SIHANOUK'S REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT
SUPPORTING AID TO CAMBODIA. (VOA JULY 29 CARRIED
REPORT ON SIHANOUK'S REACTION DATED PHNOM PENH.)
WHEN WE ASKED AFP FOR FULL TEXT OF SIHANOUK STATEMENT,
WE WERE TOLD THAT IT HAD BEEN A HANDWRITTEN NOTE
FROM SIHANOUK WHICH WAS LATER RECLAIMED BY THE PRINCE'S
ENTOURAGE. AFP NO LONGER HAS A COPY.

2. IN A LATER JULY 27 RELEASE TO AFP, SIHANOUK DENIED
EARLIER AFP REPORT THAT SECRET CONTACTS EXIST
BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF FUNK AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GKR, AND BETWEEN FUNK/GRUNK AND "THIRD FORCE" OF SON
SANN IN PARIS. SIHANOUK SAYS THAT WHEN KHIEU SAMPHAN WAS
IN PEKING, HE, PENN NOUTH, AND SIHANOUK AGREED NOT TO
HAVE ANY CONTACT BETWEEN GRUNK/FUNK AND GKR OR "THIRD
FORCE" GROUPS.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE SIHANOUK'S VOLATILE NATURE, WHICH COULD ACCOUNT FOR HIS WITHDRAWAL OF STATEMENT GIVEN TO AFP, WE NEVERTHELESS FIND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS LATEST SIHANOUK EPISODE RATHER CURIOUS. PRINCE'S REITERATION OF ALLEGED AGREEMENT WITH PENN NOUTH AND KHIEU SAMPHAN ON NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH PROBABLY DATES BACK TO APRIL OR MAY, ALSO SEEMS TO US TO HAVE CURIOUS OVERTONES. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS FROM ADDRESSEES.
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